

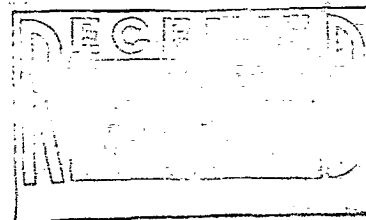
The International Neuropeptide Society

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Dr. Harmon McAllister
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Dear Harmon:

This is an invitation to join and support this exciting new Society. I am sure you will have some basic questions about it which I hope this letter will answer.

WHY HAVE ANOTHER SOCIETY?

The field of neuropeptide research has widened so greatly during last decade that there is insufficient focus on the specific interests of scientists working with neuropeptides. The Society for Neuroscience, with its many thousands of members, has several sessions devoted to Neuropeptides, but the meeting is too large to permit adequate informal interchange. Similarly, the Endocrine Society, by its nature, is interested in all endocrine secretions, so that much of their meeting is of little interest to those working in the field of neuropeptides.

The growing interest in neuropeptide scientists in being able to meet and talk to their colleagues is shown by the success of the Winter Neuropeptide Conference, which will be having its 15th meeting in Breckenridge this year. To satisfy those in the field who prefer summer to winter, the Summer Neuropeptide Conference was started and met for the 3rd year in August 1993, in Cape Cod. During these meetings, participants have shown a definite interest in forming an International Neuropeptide Society.

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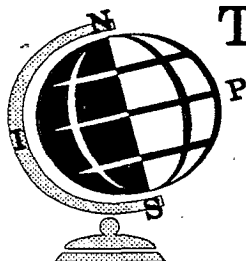
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WHAT WILL AN INTERNATIONAL NEUROPEPTIDE SOCIETY DO?

Growing from the nucleus of researchers who attend the Summer and Winter Neuropeptide Meetings, a Society will act as an umbrella organization, coordinating the meetings of the several neuropeptide societies here, in Canada and in Europe. If there are such organizations in South America, Australia, New Zealand or Asia, we would like to contact them. An International Neuropeptide Society would be a means of emphasizing the importance of neuropeptide research in basic and clinical studies and improve communications between scientists working in neuropeptide research. Having an organized Society will make it easier to receive funding for meetings on the national and international level. If possible, the Society will establish a travel fund for young researchers to attend meetings of the Society.

An additional advantage would be to have a Journal in which the Society's activities could be published and Dr. Abba Kastin, Editor-in-Chief of



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the journal *Peptides* will publish the Society's Newsletter and programs of meetings of interest to neuropeptide research.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Membership in the Society is open to all scientists interested in and conducting research with neuropeptides. Membership categories include full membership for established scientists and student membership for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows.

We hope that The Council for Tobacco Research will welcome the opportunity to join as a corporate member of the International Neuropeptide Society. The caliber of our Board members clearly demonstrates the prestige of this Society. We have applied for non-profit status and a tax-exempt number.

TYPES OF CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

Gold Star Corporate Membership	\$1,000
Silver Star Corporate Membership	\$500

Support from The Council for Tobacco Research will be prominently featured in our Newsletters, Programs and Conferences. I hope that you will be as enthusiastic about this venture as are the many scientists working in this field who are eager to further neuropeptide research and communication through this new and dynamic Society.

Yours sincerely,

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